(c) No, Sir. There is no specific trend in variation in water flow in the last five years.

(d) Annual flow of river Godavari for the past eight years at Polavaram site is as below:—

Year	In million m3
1985-86	56,241
1986-87	1,05,284
1987-88	35,087
1988-89	1,35,612
1989-90	94,225
1990-91	1,84,044
1991-92	71,590
1992-93	86,938

There is no specific trend in variation in water flow in river Godavari in last eight years.

Pending Irrigation projects of Maharashtra

1727. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals of Maharashtra State which are pending for clerance or for seeking external assistance to construct irrigation projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details therof; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No porposal of Government of Maharashtra seeking external assistance for irrigation projects is pending with the Union Government.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Soil Conservation and Water Shed Projects

1728. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking measures to implement soil conservation and watershed projects as a part of Government's programme to control floods;

(b) whether any such project has been implemented in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the funds provided for those projects to the State of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) A Centrally sponored Scheme of integrated watershed management in the cachment of flood prone rivers in Gangetic basin is being implemented in the catchment of the Sone, the Ajoy, the Punpun, the Ghaggar, Upper Yamuna, Upper Ganga; the Sahibi, the Gomti, and the Roopnarayan covering the states of Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab and West Bengal. To some extent these measures help in controlling low floods but do not help in controlling high floods.

(b) to (d) The State of Orissa is not covered under this scheme.

Distribution of water amongst States

1729. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any concrete measures for the distribution of water amongst the States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating signing of Agreement if any, in this regard during 1993-94; and so far amongst States, for allocation of water; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to this lack of arrangements for proper utilisation/distribution of water in the country and whether any National Policy for allocation of available water has been chalked out for proper utilisation of water in the counry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Government of India is making all efforts in resolving inter-State water disputes on sharing of water amicably through negotiations and mutual discussions. A Standing Committee on inter-State issues with Union Minister of Water Resources as Chairman and members drawn from the National Water Resources Council has been constituted in April, 1990 to resolve issues connected with inter-State water disputes. Under the auspices of the Standing Committee, an Agreement was signed between the States of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and the National Capital Territory of Delhi in May, 1994. So far, a total of 79 agreements have been signed amongst the co-basin States of the country during the post independence period for allocation of water from the inter-State rivers.

(c) A draft national policy guidelines for water allocatron of inter-State rivers fromed recently has been circulated to the State Governments and Union Territories and was also disucced in the meetings of the National Water Board held in June, 1994, in which the States and the Union Territories are represented. The modified draft based on the discussions in the National Water Board was circulated to the States and the Union Territories and included in the agenda for the next meeting of the National Water Resources Council. The Government has also formulated a National Irrigation Management Policy for proper utilisation of water which has been approved by the National Water Board and included in the agenda for the next meeting of the National Water Resources Council.

सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिये विशेष निधि

1730. श्री इकबाल सिंह : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे की :

(क) क्या सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय महत्व की सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन के लिए विशेष निधि स्थापित की हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकारों को कोई धनराशि उपलब्ध कराई गई है ; और

(घ) क्या पंजाब राज्य को कोई धनराशि उपलब्ध कराई गई है ; यदि हां तो पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान इस संबंध में इसे उपलब्ध कराई गई धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०के० थुंगन) । (क) से (घ) जी, नहीं । देश में राष्ट्रीय रूप से महत्वपूर्ण कुछ परियोजनाओं को शीघ्र पूरा करने के वास्ते राज्यों को आठवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान विशेष केंद्रीय सहायता प्रदान करना अपेक्षित था । संसाधनों पर प्रतिबंध होने के कारण योजना आयोग ने प्रस्ताव स्वीकार नहीं किया था और यह सुझाव दिया था कि राष्ट्रीय परियोजनाओं के वित्त पोषण के मामले पर सबसे पहले राज्यों के साथ विचार-विमर्श किया जाए क्योंकि इससे